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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
Case IDN/ TMP 121198.VAW

The International Secretariat of OMCT requests your URGENT intervention regarding the following situation in **Indonesia/East Timor.**

Brief description of the situation:

The East Timor Human Rights Centre (ETHRC), a member of the OMCT network, has just informed the International Secretariat of the rape and murder of Ms. **Anastacia de Assuncao,** in Est Timor/Indonesia.

According to the ETHRC, on 24 September 1998, at about 8.30 p.m., Ms. Anastacia de Assuncao, a 21 year old woman from the village of Assalimo in Lospalos, was raped and killed by a member of the Indonesian military. She was allegedly the niece of a commander of FALINTIL, the armed East Timorese Resistance.

According to the information, Damiaun, a member of Team ALPA, a para-military organisation trained by Kopassus, the Special Forces Command of the Indonesian military, was the alleged perpetrator of the crimes. Last time Anastacia was apparently seen, she was being taken away on a motor-bike by Damiaun after she had finished school at SMU PGRI in Lospalos.

Ms. Anastacia de Assuncao's dead body was found later. It is believed she was raped before being beaten to death. It appears she may have been beaten with a stone as she sustained serious injuries including a fractured skull and broken neck.

According to the ETHRC, the local parish priest and her family are believed to have requested the arrest of Damiaun and the initiation of criminal proceedings. However, up to the date of the Appeal, no action has been taken by the authorities.

The International Secretariat would also like to recall that on May 1 1998, another East Timorese woman was raped by the military (See Appeal Case IDN/TMP 240698.VAW). Both rapes respond to the pattern of sexual abuse of Est Timorese women by members of the occupying Indonesian security forces. Furthermore, in January 1998, OMCT submitted a report on "Violence against Women in Indonesia and East Timor" to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination and Violence Against Women, in which it expressed its grave concern over the violence perpetrated by the Indonesian authorities against East Timorese women.

Actions requested:

Please write to the Indonesian authorities urging them to:

i.- ensure a thorough and impartial investigation into the rape and death of Ms. **Anastacia de Assuncao**, identify those responsible, bring them to trial and apply the penal, administrative and civil sanctions established by law, without prejudice of existing military sanctions;

ii.- provide appropriate reparation, including compensation to Ms. Anastacia de Assuncao's family;

iii.- ensure in all circumstances respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with national laws and international human rights standards.

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Diplomatic representatives of Indonesia in your country

Geneva, 12 November 1998

Kindly inform us of any action undertaken quoting the code of this appeal in your reply.